

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed January 11, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 6-8, 13-15, and 17, objected to claims 2-5 and 9-12, and allowed claim 16. In the Advisory Action mailed August 26, 2005, which was in response to the Response After Final Rejection filed by the Applicants on April 4, 2005, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-16 are now allowed in view of the Applicants' response, but maintained the rejection of claim 17.

By this Amendment, claim 17 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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